

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

John H. Givens

**Serial No.:** 08/801,812

**Filed:** February 14, 1997

**For:** UTILIZATION OF ENERGY  
ABSORBING LAYER TO IMPROVE  
METAL FLOW AND FILL IN A NOVEL  
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE

**Confirmation No.:** 6774

**Examiner:** J. Maldonado

**Group Art Unit:** 2823

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed May 14, 2008, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on August 14, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.